



## Arizona Medical Board

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### FINAL MINUTES FOR MEETING OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SUPERVISION Held at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 9535 E. Doubletree Ranch Road • Scottsdale, Arizona

#### ***Subcommittee Members***

Robert P. Goldfarb, M.D., F.A.C.S., Chair

Ram R. Krishna, M.D.

Patrick N. Connell, M.D.

Becky Jordan

Paul M. Petelin, Sr., M.D.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to Order at 1:42 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The following Subcommittee Members were present: Robert P. Goldfarb, M.D., Ram R. Krishna, M.D., Patrick N. Connell, M.D., Becky Jordan and Paul M. Petelin, Sr., M.D.

#### **CALL TO PUBLIC**

Karen Owens, from the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association addressed the Subcommittee urging their deliberations to consider the needs of the public in rural and urban areas, to ensure a negative impact would not result on these affected areas.

Lance Huff from the Arizona Association of Physician Assistants thanked the Subcommittee for allowing stakeholders to be a part of their discussion.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Paul M. Petelin, Sr., M.D. moved to approve the January 24, 2007 Meeting Minutes.

**SECONDED:** Patrick N. Connell, M.D.

**VOTE:** 5-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent

**MOTION PASSED.**

#### **Physician Assistant Supervision Discussion**

Robert P. Goldfarb, M.D., FACS led the discussion. Dr. Goldfarb agreed with Dr. Petelin's previous recommendations concerning physician assistant supervision, especially as it pertained to reviewing charts. Dr. Goldfarb reminded the Subcommittee members that one of their recommendations requires the supervising physician to review a minimum of ten percent of the physician assistant's charts in an office setting. Physician assistants in remote areas would be required to fax the records to their Supervising Physician once per week. Robert P. Goldfarb, M.D. supported the Subcommittee's recommendation for supervision of physician assistants in an Emergency Room/Urgent Care setting, requiring the supervising physician or supervising physician agent to sign off daily on the charts.

Timothy Miller, J.D., Executive Director noted the Subcommittee's recommendations are in sync with the recommendations issued by the California Medical Board and MICA. Mr. Miller summarized the procedure for the adoption of the Subcommittee's recommendations. They will be presented the Arizona Medical Board for approval. Once approved by the Arizona Medical Board, the recommendations would be presented to the Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants for their use when determining the scope of practice for PAs. The PA Board has a Rules Subcommittee that will take the recommendations into account when writing its rules.

**Motion:** Ram R. Krishna, M.D. M.D. moved to adopt the Recommendation for Submission to the Board.

**Second:** Patrick N. Connell, M.D.

**VOTE:** 5-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent

**MOTION PASSED**

Ram R. Krishna, M.D. clarified that these are recommendations are not currently a mandate on physicians and should not be construed as such.

Paul M. Petelin, Sr., M.D. asked if the Board would have an opportunity to make further edits to the recommendations as they are forwarded in the process. Christine Cassetta, Board Legal Advisor stated that there will be a point in which the Board will review the PA Rules and can make comments at that point.

Dr. Goldfarb clarified that the Board is adopting guidelines on what it expects of physicians supervising PAs. The Subcommittee is addressing an issue that is real and the intention is to decrease incidences of patient problems due to a lack of physician supervision.

The meeting adjourned at 1:54pm.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. C. Miller".

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Timothy C. Miller, J.D., Executive Director